

to the floor and asked for unanimous consent to bring it forward, we were denied.

It should not have taken a threat against Justice Kavanaugh to force action, a threat that even Speaker PELOSI dismissed in her press conference. She said, "Everybody will be fine."

But at the end of the day, this is the better bill, and I am glad it will be heading to the President's desk without any poison pills to ping it back to the Senate, to delay it further. This is a big victory.

Now, let's work to defend our justice system for everyone by upholding the rule of law which is under attack daily in our cities. We can't uphold the rule of law when there is looting, when cities and police stations are being burned down, when criminals are coddled instead of locked up.

Now that this Congress has come together to condemn intimidation against Supreme Court Justices, let's take the next step to keep America safe. Let's support our police, not defund them. Let's enforce all the laws on the books like the law that prohibits protesting outside Justices' homes. Even President Biden encouraged people to do that.

Let's get tough on crime so that every American can feel safe in their homes and in their communities. Just in my home State, back in the home city of our Speaker, San Francisco, the people had a big voice. They have just recalled their district attorney because of crime.

It is not for me to give any political advice to the other side of the aisle, but if you want to know what the Republican registration in San Francisco is, it is 6.8 percent. I think your message of defunding the police by this majority party, and I think your message of not upholding the law, the American public doesn't want that.

They want to feel safe, just as a Supreme Court Justice does. They want to be able to go to their jobs and not feel they are being intimidated.

Let's get tough on crime. We want the American public to feel safe in their homes and their communities. They want to feel safe. Those are the things that would create a safer, stronger America, just like we had before.

I will make this one promise. If Democrats don't do it during this Congress, I promise you we will in the next Congress, because there is definitely going to be a change.

SERGEANTS MAJOR ACADEMY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United States Sergeants Major Academy.

Fort Bliss is the home to the Sergeants Major Academy that trains our

military leaders to address our country's challenges. Since 1972, the academy has expanded students' strategic level of thinking to become capable to address large-scale combat operations.

At the end of the academy, leaders leave as agile, adaptive senior leaders with the character, competence, and commitment to be effective leaders.

I am proud that my office's veterans' caseworker, Sergeant Major Benito Torres, graduated from the academy in 2009.

I commend the continuous education that the academy provides and their dedication for our military to be ready for future challenges. Please join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the last 50 years of the United States Sergeants Major Academy and wish them continued growth and success.

CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL SHOOTING ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Five years ago today, the Republican baseball team took to the field for their regular morning practice. That morning took a dark turn when the team suddenly became a target of a BERNIE SANDERS' supporter with an agenda to shoot and kill Republicans.

It could have been the worst political massacre in American history, but we are alive today, thanks to those brave and honorable law enforcement officers who were at the field that day and willing to sacrifice themselves to protect us.

Every day, I wear this wristband stamped with the date of the shooting and the words, "In God We Trust" to remember the angels watching over us on that life-changing morning. It is a testament to that day, always living in our hearts and our minds.

There is no doubt that without quick action of Special Agents Griner and Bailey, along with the Alexandria Police Department, the team would not be here today. We forever owe a debt of gratitude to our law enforcement and our first responders who acted swiftly to take down the gunman and simply save our lives.

In God We Trust.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF SHERIFF JOHN O'BRIEN

(Mr. SCHRADER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to former Sheriff John O'Brien, who passed away on June 1 at the age of 74. John was a beloved fixture of the Lincoln County community in my district, where he was known for his dedication to the people he served.

A dedicated Oregon State Beaver, after graduating from OSU, John was drafted in the U.S. Army in 1970, and served in Vietnam where he earned a Vietnam Service Medal and Bronze Star. He returned home and joined the Lincoln County Sheriff's office as a patrol deputy in 1973. It was here that John would find his calling, serving his community and the department for 30 years, the last 9 as sheriff, until his retirement in 2003. After retiring from the Sheriff's office, John worked for the Pacific Northwest region of FEMA, assisting with disasters in Oregon, Alaska, Washington, and New York City.

All who were close to John could attest that he cared about people in an extraordinary way. His generous spirit touched everyone in his life. John dedicated his time to making life better for those he served. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Priscilla, as well as his kids, Eric and Erin, and his four grandchildren. I hope they can all find peace during this difficult time as well as mourn the loss of an extraordinary member of this great family.

BIDEN GAS PRICES BURDEN FAMILIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, sadly, inflation has increased to over 8 percent, the highest rate in over 40 years. Now family budgets are draining at the pump.

The over \$5 per gallon for gas is the highest ever, caused by failing Biden policies. The American Energy Alliance with Stephen Moore on the Unleash Prosperity Hotline has identified over 100 initiatives enacted by Biden to restrict American oil and gas development.

When Biden took office, gas was \$2.39 a gallon. Now it has doubled. These extremist policies intentionally discourage gas usage without alternatives available to families. Declaring war on American energy subsidizes war criminal Putin's mass murder in Ukraine and allows Iran to proceed with nuclear weapons to fulfill "Death to Israel. Death to America."

America needs price relief through an all-of-the-above energy policy achieved by President Donald Trump.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who have successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism as it continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America. Happy birthday, Donald Trump.

DONALD TRUMP LOST THE 2020 ELECTION

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)